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H.Res. 1055 - Supporting the designation of National Robotics Week as an annual event. (Doyle, D-PA)

Order of Business: The bill is scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, March 9, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

Summary: H.Res. 1055 resolves that Congress recognizes:

- “Supports the designation of National Robotics Week (NRW) as an annual event;
- “Encourages institutions of higher education and companies which utilize robotics technology to hold open houses during NRW to help explain the technology and its applications;

- “Encourages science museums to organize events and demonstrations during NRW that help to educate and engage the public on the utility, importance, and impact of robotics technology;
- “Encourages schools, clubs, and organizations to hold open houses, organize local competitions, and demonstrate student activities relating to the field of robotics technology;
- “Encourages activities that advance the use of robotics to revolutionize the way fundamental science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) concepts are taught in the classroom and that highlight the success that robotics competitions organized by groups such as For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (FIRST) are having at inspiring students to pursue STEM-related careers; and
- “Affirms the growing importance of robotics technology and supports all other efforts to increase national awareness of the technology and its impact on the future of the Nation.”

The resolution contains a number of findings, including:

- “The United States has the largest number of academic and research organizations with dedicated programs focused on the advancement of robotics technology;
- “The emerging market for service robotics in various sectors, including healthcare, national defense, homeland security, energy, manufacturing, logistics, transportation, agriculture, education, consumer goods, and others, is expected to grow at a compound annual growth rate of nearly 20 percent over the next few years to become a worldwide \$27 billion industry;
- “Robotics is a critical technology capable in the near term of contributing to the economic recovery by creating new jobs, increasing productivity, improving quality, and increasing worker safety, and equally capable over time of addressing the longer term labor and healthcare issues expected to result from the 40 percent increase in number of the Nation's elderly over the next 20 years;
- “America's ability to maintain its leadership position and be both globally competitive and cooperative in a wide range of rapidly emerging markets is being currently challenged by other regions, including the European Union, Korea, and Japan, who have committed to making multi-billion dollar, long-term investments in further developing and commercializing robotics technology; and
- “The second week in April each year is designated as ‘National Robotics Week’, recognizing the accomplishments of Isaac Asimov, who immigrated to America, taught science, wrote science books for children and adults, first used the term robotics, developed the Three Laws of Robotics, and died in April, 1992.”

Committee Action: H.Res. 1055 was introduced on February 2, 2010, and referred to the House Science and Technology Committee and the House Education and Labor Subcommittee on Early childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education, which took no public action.

Cost to Taxpayers: The resolution authorizes no expenditures.

Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?: No.

Does the Bill Comply with House Rules Regarding Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?: A committee report citing compliance with the rules regarding earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits is not available. However, the resolution does not contain any earmarks.

Constitutional Authority: A committee report citing constitutional authority is unavailable.

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H.Res. 1069 - Congratulating Willard S. Boyle and George E. Smith for being awarded the Nobel Prize in physics (Lance, R-NJ)

Order of Business: The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, March 9, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

Summary: H.Res. 1069 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- “Congratulates Willard S. Boyle and George E. Smith for being awarded the Nobel Prize in physics; and
- “Recognizes Bell Laboratories in Murray Hill, New Jersey, as a contributor to leadership in scientific research and innovation in the United States.”

The resolution contains a number of findings, including:

- “The Nobel Prize is a prestigious international award administered annually by the Nobel Foundation in Stockholm, Sweden, and has since 1901 recognized the world's most outstanding achievements in physics;
- “On December 10, 2009, in Stockholm, Sweden, Willard S. Boyle and George E. Smith from Bell Laboratories in Murray Hill, New Jersey, were awarded the Nobel prize for physics for their invention of an imaging semiconductor circuit, the charge-coupled devise (CCD), in addition to Charles K. Kao from Standard Telecommunication Laboratories in Harlow, United Kingdom, and the Chinese University of Hong Kong in Hong Kong, China, for his work concerning the transmission of light in fibers for optical communication; and
- “Bell Laboratories in Murray Hill, New Jersey, is an internationally renowned research organization founded in 1925 by the American Telephone & Telegraph company (AT&T).”

Committee Action: H.Res. 1069 was introduced on February 3, 2010, and referred to the House Science and Technology Committee, which took no public action.

Cost to Taxpayers: The resolution authorizes no expenditures.

Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?: No.

Does the Bill Comply with House Rules Regarding Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?: A committee report citing compliance with the rules regarding earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits is not available. However, the resolution does not contain any earmarks.

Constitutional Authority: A committee report citing constitutional authority is unavailable.

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H.Res. 935 - Honoring John E. Warnock, Charles M. Geschke, Forrest M. Bird, Esther Sans Takeuchi, and IBM Corporation (*Lofgren, D-CA*)

Order of Business: The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, March 9, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

Summary: H.Res. 935 expresses the sense of the House of Representatives that:

- “Recognizes and honors the innovative technological achievements of John E. Warnock, Charles M. Geschke, Forrest M. Bird, Esther Sans Takeuchi, and IBM Corporation; and
- “Congratulates John E. Warnock, Charles M. Geschke, Forrest M. Bird, Esther Sans Takeuchi, and IBM Corporation for receiving the 2008 National Medal of Technology and Innovation.”

The resolution contains a number of findings, including:

- “The National Medal of Technology and Innovation (formerly known as the National Medal of Technology) is the highest honor for technological achievement bestowed by the President on leading innovators in the United States;
- “On September 17, 2009, the President named John E. Warnock, Charles M. Geschke, Forrest M. Bird, Esther Sans Takeuchi, and IBM Corporation as the recipients of the 2008 National Medal of Technology and Innovation;

- “Dr. John E. Warnock and Dr. Charles M. Geschke, both of San Jose, California, pioneered technological innovations that were central to spurring the revolution in desktop publishing, which had an immense and significant role in changing the way people create and engage with information and entertainment across multiple mediums including print, video, and the Internet; and
- “Forrest M. Bird of Sandpoint, Idaho, invented pioneering technologies in cardiopulmonary medicine (including the medical respirator), devices that helped launch modern-day medical evacuation capabilities, and intrapulmonary percussive ventilation (‘IPV’) technologies, which have saved the lives of millions of patients with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and other conditions;
- “Dr. Esther Sans Takeuchi of Buffalo, New York, developed the silver vanadium oxide battery that powers the majority of the world's lifesaving implantable cardiac defibrillators, and other medical battery technologies that improve the health and quality of life of millions of people.”

Committee Action: H.Res. 935 was introduced on November 19, 2009, and referred to the House Science and Technology Committee, which took no public action.

Cost to Taxpayers: The resolution authorizes no expenditures.

Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?: No.

Does the Bill Comply with House Rules Regarding Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?: A committee report citing compliance with the rules regarding earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits is not available. However, the resolution does not contain any earmarks.

Constitutional Authority: A committee report citing constitutional authority is unavailable.

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H.R. 3650 - Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia Research and Control Amendments Act (*Baird, D-WA*)

Order of Business: The legislation is scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, March 9, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the legislation.

Summary: H.R. 3650 makes amendments to the Harmful Algal Bloom and Hypoxia Research and Control Act of 1998 (16 U.S.C. 1451). This legislation establishes a National Harmful Algal Bloom and Hypoxia Program Task Force (led by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, NOAA) to detect, predict, mitigate and

respond to marine and freshwater harmful algal bloom and hypoxia events. The Task Force will also oversee the development and implementation of the Regional Research and Action Plans and identify the appropriate regions and sub-regions to be addressed by each Plan.

This legislation maintains the [Ecology and Oceanography of Harmful Algal Blooms Program](#), the [Monitoring and Event Response for Harmful Algal Blooms Program](#), the [Northern Gulf of Mexico Ecosystems and Hypoxia Assessment Program](#), the [Coastal Hypoxia Research Program](#), and the [Prevention, Control, and Mitigation of Harmful Algal Blooms Program](#).

H.R. 3650 establishes an Event Response Program to coordinate, at the request of the states, marine and freshwater harmful algal blooms and hypoxia events response activities. It also establishes an Infrastructure Program to increase the availability of analytical facilities and technologies, operational forecasts and reference and research materials. This Infrastructure Program will also seek to improve existing monitoring and observational programs and enhance communication required that is required in this act.

The Under Secretary shall submit a Congressional report every two years detailing the programs activities, budget, progress made, and need to revise or terminate activities. This legislation also requires that a report on the progress of the 2008 Gulf Hypoxia Action Plan be submitted to Congress and the President, and establishes that this report be updated and sent again every two years. Another report requiring an integrated assessment of hypoxia in the coastal and estuarine waters of the Pacific Northwest that examines the status of current research, monitoring, prevention, response, and control efforts will also be required.

Possible Conservative Concern: Some conservatives have expressed concern that H.R. 3650 may conflict with the principle of federalism, as some of the provisions are a top-down mandate, and not a collaborative effort between the federal government and the local areas that have been impacted by the algae blooms. Some conservatives argue what might be seen as appropriate management techniques in the Chesapeake Bay would not be appropriate in the deep Pacific Ocean. Additionally, some conservatives have expressed concern that the underlying *bill does not contain adequate safeguards against unfunded mandates* which would result if the state, tribal and local governments were forced to undertake the activities identified in the plans that the Federal Government is responsible for developing and implementing. Some conservatives might be concerned that a bill authorizing \$205 million is coming to the Floor under suspension of the rules.

Committee Action: H.R. 3650 was introduced on September 25, 2009 and referred to the House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife, which discharged the legislation. H.R. 3650 was also referred to the House Science and Technology Subcommittee and Energy and Environment. The Subcommittee met on September 30, 2009 and agreed to a manager's amendment by voice vote. An amendment by Rep. Edwards was agreed to by voice vote that would require that the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere "consider the impacts,

research, and existing program activities of all United States coastlines and fresh and inland waters, including the Great Lakes, the Chesapeake Bay, and estuaries and tributaries' in developing the Regional Research Action Plans.”

A full committee markup was held on October 7, 2009. A manager’s amendment was agreed to that makes several technical and clarifying changes and amended Section 4 to require the Administrator of EPA to include research, monitoring, event response, mitigation, and control activities related to freshwater harmful algal blooms. The amendment also made adjustments to the Authorization of Appropriation section to include NOAA internal research funding. The legislation passed the full Committee by voice vote.

Cost to Taxpayers: According to CBO, H.R. 3650 authorizes \$205 million for the 2010 – 2014 period.

Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?: Yes. H.R. 3650 establishes an Event Response Program and an Infrastructure Program.

Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?: No.

Does the Bill Comply with House Rules Regarding Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?: H.R. 3650 does not contain any congressional earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits as defined in House Rule XXI, clause 9.

Constitutional Authority: House Report 111-396 cites Article I, section 8 of the Constitution of the United States for Constitutional Authority.

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**H.Res. 1032 - Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the United States should continue to assist the Mexican Government in fighting the drug cartels and curbing violence against Mexican and United States citizens, both in the United States and abroad
(Chu, D-CA)**

Order of Business: The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, March 9, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

Summary: H.Res. 1032 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- “All efforts should be made to find those responsible for the violent drug-related killings of innocent United States and Mexican citizens throughout Mexico, including the people who killed Mr. Salcedo;
- “The extreme violence by the Mexican drug cartels has affected and continues to affect the lives of thousands of innocent people in Mexico, the United States, and around the world; and
- “The United States Congress should continue to support bilateral cooperation between the United States and Mexico to break the power of the Mexican drug cartels, curtail violence, reduce arms trafficking, and diminish the demand for drugs throughout North America.”

The resolution lists a number of findings, including:

- “Mr. Agustin Roberto ‘Bobby’ Salcedo was senselessly murdered on December 31, 2009, at the young age of 33 while vacationing with his family in the city of Gomez Palacio, Durango, Mexico;
- “The violence in Mexico has historically involved disputes between warring drug cartels, Mr. Salcedo's tragic death is the result of the recent and pervasive surge in violence against innocent bystanders;
- “The Mexican drug cartels are major producers and suppliers to the United States market for heroin, methamphetamine, and marijuana and the major transit country for cocaine sold in the United States;
- “The Department of Justice has identified Mexican drug trafficking organizations as the greatest drug trafficking threat to the United States worldwide;
- “The Mexican Government estimates that 2,000 guns are smuggled from the United States into Mexico every day;
- “The United States has appropriated over \$1,300,000,000 under the Merida Initiative to Mexico to help break the power and impunity of the drug cartels, assist the Mexican Government in strengthening its military organizations, help improve the capacity of its justice system, curtail gang activity in Mexico, and diminish demand for drugs in the region.”

Committee Action: H.Res. 1032 was introduced on January 21, 2010, and referred to the House Foreign Affairs Committee, which took no public action.

Cost to Taxpayers: The resolution authorizes no expenditures.

Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?: No.

Does the Bill Comply with House Rules Regarding Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?: A committee report citing compliance with the rules regarding earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits is not available. However, the resolution does not contain any earmarks.

Constitutional Authority: A committee report citing constitutional authority is unavailable.

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H.Res. 1088 - Recognizing the plight of people with albinism in East Africa and condemning their murder and mutilation (*Connolly, D-VA*)

Order of Business: The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, March 9, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

Summary: H.Res. 1088 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- “Condemns the murder and mutilation of adults and children with albinism for their body parts;
- “Expresses the support of the citizens of the United States for people with albinism in East Africa who have been the victims of such attacks;
- “Recognizes that the murder and mutilation of people because of a genetic condition constitutes a form of gross violation of human rights;
- “Urges the Governments of Tanzania and Burundi to actively and aggressively prosecute and convict the perpetrators of these crimes;
- “Calls for the Governments of Tanzania and Burundi, along with international organizations, to actively support the education of people with albinism about the prevention of skin cancer;
- “Calls for the education of East Africans about the realities of albinism, with the purpose of eliminating the discrimination and treatment of people with albinism;
- “Calls for the United States to provide humanitarian assistance to people with albinism in East Africa; and
- “Calls on the Governments of East Africa to take immediate and forceful action to prevent further violence against persons with albinism and to bring to swift justice those who have engaged in such reprehensible practices.

The resolution lists a number of findings, including:

- “In parts of East Africa, most notably Tanzania, shamans promote the reprehensible belief that people with albinism are less than human, and that their body parts can be made into potions to bring wealth or luck;
- “Over the last 2 years, more than 50 adults and children with albinism have been murdered in East Africa by mercenaries who sell their body parts to shamans;
- “People with albinism lack access to medical treatment for skin cancer, and the average person in East Africa with albinism dies by age 30 from skin cancer, and only 2 percent of people with albinism in that region live to age 40; and
- “A number of government officials in rural areas of East Africa have ignored or even colluded with local shamans in these degradations.”

Committee Action: H.Res. 1088 was introduced on February 22, 2010, and referred to the House Foreign Affairs Committee, which took no public action.

Cost to Taxpayers: The resolution authorizes no expenditures.

Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?: No.

Does the Bill Comply with House Rules Regarding Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?: A committee report citing compliance with the rules regarding earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits is not available. However, the resolution does not contain any earmarks.

Constitutional Authority: A committee report citing constitutional authority is unavailable.

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H.Res. 1107 - Recognizing the 189th anniversary of the independence of Greece (Ros-Lehtinen, R-FL)

Order of Business: The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, March 9, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

Summary: H.Res. 1107 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- “Extends warm congratulations and best wishes to the people of Greece as they celebrate the 189th anniversary of the independence of Greece;
- “Expresses support for the principles of democratic governance to which the people of Greece are committed; and
- “Notes the important role that Greece has played in the wider European region and in the community of nations since gaining its independence 189 years ago.”

The resolution a number of findings, including:

- “The ancient Greeks developed the concept of democracy, in which the supreme power to govern was vested in the people;
- “The Founding Fathers of the United States, many of whom read Greek political philosophy in its original text, drew heavily on the political experience and philosophy of ancient Greece in forming our representative democracy;
- “Greece played a major role in the World War II struggle to protect freedom and democracy through such bravery as was shown in the historic Battle of Crete,

- which provided the Axis land war with its first major setback, setting off a chain of events that significantly affected the outcome of World War II;
- “Greece is a strategic partner and ally of the United States in bringing political stability and economic development to the volatile Balkan region, having invested over \$20,000,000,000 in the countries of the region, thereby creating over 200,000 new jobs, and having contributed over \$750,000,000 in development aid for the region;
 - “Greece and the United States are at the forefront of the effort for freedom, democracy, peace, stability, and human rights.”

Additional Information: As a result massive overspending by the government, Greece’s debt this year is expected to exceed 120% of the GDP. The country’s deficit is at 12.7% of GDP.

Committee Action: H.Res. 1107 was introduced on February 24, 2010, and referred to the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

Cost to Taxpayers: The resolution authorizes no expenditures.

Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?: No.

Does the Bill Comply with House Rules Regarding Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?: A committee report citing compliance with the rules regarding earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits is not available. However, the resolution does not contain any earmarks.

Constitutional Authority: A committee report citing constitutional authority is unavailable.

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H.Res. __ - Expressing Condolences for the victims of the February 27th 2010 earthquake in Chile, as well as solidarity with and support for the Chilean people as they plan for the recovery and reconstruction for their Country (*Hinojosa, D-TX*)

Order of Business: The bill is scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, March 9, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

Summary: H.Res. __ resolves that Congress recognizes:

- “Mourns the significant loss of life, as well as the physical damage, caused by the February 27, 2010, earthquake and resulting tsunami in Chile;
- “Expresses its deepest condolences and sympathy to the families of the victims of this horrific tragedy, and solidarity with the millions of affected Chileans;
- “Recognizes that Chile is and remains a close ally and friend of the United States;
- “Recognizes that Chile’s embrace of democratic ideals and its government’s ability to implement strict building standards due to its strong governance structure greatly mitigated the impact of this natural disaster;
- “Commends the rescue, relief, and recovery actions, still underway, taken by the Government of Chile;
- “Commends the United States Government, the entire international community, and nongovernmental organizations for their prompt deployment of assistance to Chile;
- “Urges the President to continue to support the Government of Chile, as it assesses its relief and recovery needs; and
- “Pays tribute to the resilience, strength, and courage of the people of Chile as they begin the recovery and rebuilding process.”

The resolution contains a number of findings, including:

- “On February 27, 2010, an 8.8 magnitude earthquake, one of the largest ever recorded, struck off the coast of Chile;
- “Aftershocks numbering over 100, including 8 aftershocks registering above a 6.0 magnitude, continue to batter the coast and the rest of the country after the initial 120-second tremor, the strongest and most damaging earthquake in Chile in the last 50 years;
- “Initial estimates of the damage costs range from \$15 billion to \$30 billion;
- “President Obama declared that the United States “stands ready to assist in the rescue and recovery efforts and we have resources that are positioned to deploy should the Chilean government ask for our help.”; and
- “Secretary Clinton visited Chile on March 2, 2010, delivering crucial communication equipment, and vowed that “We’ll be here to help when others leave because we are committed to this partnership and this friendship with Chile.””

Committee Action: H.Res. __ will be introduced on March 9, 2010, and referred to the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

Cost to Taxpayers: The resolution authorizes no expenditures.

Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?: No.

Does the Bill Comply with House Rules Regarding Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?: A committee report citing compliance with the rules regarding earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits is not available. However, the resolution does not contain any earmarks.

Constitutional Authority: A committee report citing constitutional authority is unavailable.

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H.Res. 1036 - Recognizing the contributions of Korean Americans to the United States (Garrett, D-NJ)

Order of Business: The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, March 9, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

Summary: H.Res. 1036 resolves that the House of Representatives that:

- “Urges all people in the United States to recognize the invaluable contributions Korean Americans have made to this Nation.”

The resolution a number of findings, including:

- “On January 13, 1903, the arrival of 102 pioneer Korean immigrants to the United States marked the first chapter of Korean immigration in this country;
- “Thousands of Koreans, fleeing from war and poverty, came to the United States seeking opportunities;
- “The Centennial Committees of Korean Immigration and Korean Americans have designated January 13 of each year as ‘Korean American Day’ to commemorate the first step of the long and prosperous journey of Korean Americans in the United States; and
- “Korean Americans have contributed significantly to the development of the arts, sciences, engineering, medicine, government, military, education, and the economy in the United States.”

Committee Action: H.Res. 1036 was introduced on January 22, 2010, and referred to the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, which took no public action.

Cost to Taxpayers: The resolution authorizes no expenditures.

Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?: No.

Does the Bill Comply with House Rules Regarding Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?: A committee report citing compliance with the rules regarding earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits is not available. However, the resolution does not contain any earmarks.

Constitutional Authority: A committee report citing constitutional authority is unavailable.

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H.R. 4621 - Prevent Deceptive Census Look Alike Mailings Act (Maloney, D-NY)

Overview: The legislation is scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, March 9, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the legislation.

Summary: H.R. 4621 would require that mail with the term “census” clearly identify the sender and the return address. It would also require that the mailing include a disclaimer stating it is not from, or associated with, the federal government.

Additional Information: In February, Pro-Publica [reported](#) that the Republican Nation Committee was sending fundraising mailings labeled 2010 Congressional District Census.

Committee Action: H.R. 4621 was introduced on February 9, 2010 and was referred to the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee. The Committee held a markup and passed the legislation.

Cost to Taxpayers: A CBO report for H.R. 4621 is unavailable.

Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?: No.

Does the Bill Comply with House Rules Regarding Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?: A committee report citing compliance with the rules regarding earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits is not available. However, the resolution does not contain any earmarks.

Constitutional Authority: A committee report citing constitutional authority is unavailable.

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H.R. 4547 - The “Captain Luther H. Smith, U.S. Army Air Forces Post Office” Designation Act (*Sestak, D-PA*)

Order of Business: The legislation is scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, March 9, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the legislation.

Summary: H.R. 4547 designates the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 119 Station Road in Cheyney, Pennsylvania, as the “Captain Luther H. Smith, U.S. Army Air Forces Post Office.”

Additional Information: Captain Luther H. Smith was a WWII pilot who flew 133 combat missions over Europe as a member of the Tuskegee Airmen. Captain Smith was credited with destroying two German aircraft in aerial combat and 10 German aircraft on the ground in strafing attacks. On October 13, 1944 he was forced to parachute from his P-51 Mustang, was captured by the Germans, and spent seven months as a prisoner. After WWII, he earned an engineering degree from the University of Iowa and worked as an aerospace engineer for General Electric for 37 years. He passed away December 9, 2009, at the age of 89.

Committee Action: H.R. 4547 was introduced on January 27, 2010, and referred to the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, which held a markup and passed the legislation.

Cost to Taxpayers: A CBO score for H.R. 4547 is unavailable, but the only costs associated with a U.S. federal building renaming are those for sign and map changes, none of which significantly affect the federal budget.

Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?: No.

Does the Bill Comply with House Rules Regarding Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?: A committee report citing compliance with the rules regarding earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits is not available. However, the resolution does not contain any earmarks.

Constitutional Authority: A committee report citing constitutional authority is unavailable.

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H.R. 4624 - The “SPC Nicholas Scott Hartge Post Office” Designation Act (Souder, R-IN)

Order of Business: The legislation is scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, March 9, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the legislation.

Summary: H.R. 4625 designates the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 125 Kerr Avenue in Rome City, Indiana, as the “SPC Nicholas Schott Hartge Post Office.”

Additional Information: SPC Nicholas Hartge was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, in Schweinfurt Germany. He was killed on May 14, 2007 in Baghdad when his unit came in contact with enemy forces using grenades and an improvised explosive device.

Committee Action: H.R. 4624 was introduced on February 9, 2010 and referred to the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, which held a markup and passed the legislation.

Cost to Taxpayers: A CBO score for H.R. 4547 is unavailable, but the only costs associated with a U.S. federal building renaming are those for sign and map changes, none of which significantly affect the federal budget.

Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?: No.

Does the Bill Comply with House Rules Regarding Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?: A committee report citing compliance with the rules regarding earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits is not available. However, the resolution does not contain any earmarks.

Constitutional Authority: A committee report citing constitutional authority is unavailable.

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**H.Res. 1091 - Expressing support for designation of the week of
February 28 through March 7, 2010, as “School Social Work Week”
(Kennedy, D-RI)**

Order of Business: The bill is scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, March 9, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

Summary: H.Res. 1091 resolves that Congress recognizes:

- “Supports the designation of ‘School Social Work Week’;
- “Honors and recognizes the contributions of school social workers to the successes of students in schools across the Nation; and
- “Encourages the people of the United States to observe ‘School Social Work Week’ with appropriate ceremonies and activities that promote awareness of the vital role of school social workers, in schools and in the community as a whole, in helping students prepare for their futures as productive citizens.”

The resolution contains a number of findings, including:

- “The importance of school social work through the inclusion of school social work programs has been recognized in the current authorizations of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6301 et seq.) and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. 1400 et seq.);
- “To achieve the goal of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (Public Law 107-110) of helping all children reach their optimal levels of potential and achievement, including children with serious emotional disturbances, schools must work to remove the emotional, behavioral, and academic barriers that interfere with student success in school;
- “The national average ratio of students to school social workers recommended by the School Social Work Association of America is 400 to 1; and
- “The celebration and of ‘School Social Work Week’ during the week of February 28 through March 7, 2010, highlights the vital role school social workers play in the lives of students in the United States.”

Additional Information: This resolution mentions No Child Left Behind, which was H.R. 1 in the 107th Congress and passed the House on May 23, 2001 by a [roll call vote 145](#).

Committee Action: H.Res. 1091 was introduced on February 22, 2010, and referred to the House Education and Labor Committee, which took no public action.

Cost to Taxpayers: The resolution authorizes no expenditures.

Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?: No.

Does the Bill Comply with House Rules Regarding Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?: A committee report citing compliance with the rules regarding earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits is not available. However, the resolution does not contain any earmarks.

Constitutional Authority: A committee report citing constitutional authority is unavailable.

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H.Res. 1047 - Commending the Ohio State University Buckeyes (Kilroy, D-OH)

Order of Business: The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, March 9, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

Summary: H.Res. 1047 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- “Commends The Ohio State University (Ohio State) Buckeye football team for its victory in the 2010 Rose Bowl;
- “Congratulates Coach Jim Tressel, winner of five Big Ten titles; and
- “Recognizes the accomplishments of the Ohio State Buckeye football team, which has played in more BCS Bowl Games than any other team in college football.”

The resolution contains a number of findings, including:

- “The Ohio State University (Ohio State) Buckeyes football team achieved many historic accomplishments during the 2009 regular season;
- “Ohio State defeated favored Oregon 26-17 in the Rose Bowl on January 1, 2010;
- “Ohio State Coach Jim Tressel became only the second coach in Ohio State history to win both a NCAA National Championship and a Rose Bowl (Woody Hayes);
- “Quarterback Terrelle Pryor threw for 266 yards, ran for 72 yards, and scored two touchdowns, leading all players for both teams in these categories; and
- “Quarterback Terrelle Pryor was the Rose Bowl MVP.”

Committee Action: H.Res. 1047 was introduced on January 27, 2010, and referred to the House Education and Labor Subcommittee on Higher Education, Lifelong Learning, and Competitiveness, which took no public action.

Cost to Taxpayers: The resolution authorizes no expenditures.

Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?: No.

Does the Bill Comply with House Rules Regarding Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?: A committee report citing compliance with the rules regarding earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits is not available. However, the resolution does not contain any earmarks.

Constitutional Authority: A committee report citing constitutional authority is unavailable.

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H.Res. 1142 - Congratulating Silver Lake College (Petri, R-WI)

Order of Business: The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, March 9, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

Summary: H.Res. 1142 expresses the sense of the House of Representatives that:

- “Congratulates Silver Lake College for 75 years of service as an undergraduate institution of higher education; and
- “Commends Silver Lake College for providing education and training to the people of Wisconsin for over 75 years.”

The resolution contains a number of findings, including:

- “Silver Lake College was founded in the late 1800s by the Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity as an academy and normal school;
- “the State of Wisconsin issued the charter designating Silver Lake College, then named Holy Family College, as an undergraduate institution of higher education in 1935;
- “Silver Lake College currently serves 1,253 students and offers a 7 to 1 student to teacher ratio;
- “Silver Lake College emphasizes a professional education with a liberal arts experience and encourages life-long learning and moral and community leadership.”

Committee Action: H.Res. 1142 was introduced on March 4, 2010, and referred to the House Education and Labor Committee, which took no public action.

Cost to Taxpayers: The resolution authorizes no expenditures.

Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?: No.

Does the Bill Comply with House Rules Regarding Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?: A committee report citing compliance with the rules regarding earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits is not available. However, the resolution does not contain any earmarks.

Constitutional Authority: A committee report citing constitutional authority is unavailable.

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